

Appl. No. 10/721,660

Amdt. dated March 30, 2007

Request for continued examination after final office action of November 27, 2006

REMARKS

This amendment accompanies the filing of a REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION following the final office action mailed on November 27, 2006. The Office Action rejected Applicants' Claims 47-65 as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,278,939 ("Robare").

Applicants greatly appreciated the efforts of Examiner Mohammad Ali in a telephone conference. Pursuant the Examiner's recommendations, Applicants hereinwith submit additional evidence that Office Action referenced sections of U.S. Pat. No. 6,278,939 ("Robare") is describing the Applicant's, Philip Robare, own work.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the present application in view of the following remarks. Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e)

Applicants' Claims 47-65 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Robare. Please find enclosed a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 showing that one of the present Applicants, Philip Robare, was a co-inventor on Robare and to the extent the disclosure in Robare is a disclosure of, or is material to the examination of, the invention claimed in the present application, such disclosure in Robare were originated with or were obtained from Philip Robare. The Declaration specifically indicates that the portions of the Robare patent referenced by the final office action are describing Philip Robare's own work. Pursuant to MPEP 2136.05, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) has been overcome by this showing that the Robare patent is describing the Applicant's own work.

Accordingly, the Robare patent is not available as prior art against the claims of the present application. Thus, Applicants request that the rejection of Claims 47-65 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Robare be withdrawn.

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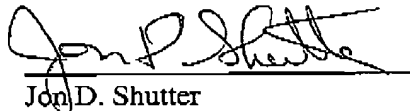
Petition for Extension of Time

Included with this response is a request for an extension of time to reply to the office action dated November 27, 2006. Included with this response is an authorization for payment of the fee associated with this request.

Conclusion

With the present response, all the issues in the Office Action mailed November 27, 2006 have been addressed. Applicant submits that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. If any issues remain, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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